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1. 284 tanks, allegedly of T-34 type, passing through Stendal during the night of 30 August 1950, coming from the direction of Tangermunde and proceeding toward Salzwedel. (1)
2. A train carrying four 37-mm AA guns and six trucks stood at the railroad station of Erkner near Berlin on 8 September 1950. The train was headed toward Berlin. (2)
3. The following is a complete list of Soviet military shipments going through the Frankfurt/Oder freight yard between 7 and 13 September 1950:

Five flatcars with trucks from Brest Litovsk to Wildau for 25X1
 on 7 September 1950.

Seven flatcars with trucks from Brest Litovsk to Wildpark 25X1
 on 7 September.

Twenty-three flatcars with trucks and eight coaches with soldiers to Wurzen; 25 flatcars with 18 trucks to Koenigsbrunnshausen 25X1
 on 7 September

Four tank cars with gasoline from Brest Litovsk to Melten on 7 September; 25X1

Two boxcars with military goods from Brest Litovsk to Kammersdorf on 8 September. 25X1

One boxcar and five flatcars with field kitchens from Brest Litovsk to Stassfurt on 9 September. 25X1

Two boxcars with military goods in Muellrose to 25X1
 Maldensleben on 10 September 1950.

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Nine boxcars with ammunition from Brest Litovsk to [redacted] in
Lamitsch on 11 September [redacted] dispatched
by Basa 67.

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Four flatcars with field kitchens from Brest Litovsk to Lieberose on
12 September.

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Two flatcars with four field bakeries [redacted] in
Jueterbog to Kuestrin-Kietz on 12 September. (3)

Train with about 120 soldiers wearing black epaulets, [redacted]
[redacted] and 15 trucks carrying pontoons on 13 Septem-

4. [redacted] 16 JS tanks were loaded in Neubrandenburg on 19 Sep-
tember 1950, allegedly for shipment to Loewenberg. (5) 25X1
5. On 19 and 20 September 1950 fresh tank tracks were seen on the streets lead-
ing to the Neustrelitz railroad station. Twelve JS tanks went from Zierker-
strasse to the railroad station and were loaded on 21 September 1950. No
tanks were observed in the barracks installation or the training area on
22 and 23 September 1950. It was source's impression that the troops had 25X1
left. A railroadman said that tanks had been loaded during the nights of
18 and 19 September and on 21 September 1950 and were allegedly dispatched
toward Fuerstenberg. [redacted] about 50 tanks had been 25X1
loaded. (5)
6. Two end ramps exist in Belzig and a third was being constructed. It was to 25X1
be completed by 6 p.m. on 23 September 1950. For the unloading of tanks
during the nights of 23 through 27 September 1950. In the unloading process
the tanks moved over five flatcars coupled together, each of the gaps between
the cars being bridged by three bridge sections having a carrying capacity
of 40 to 60 tons. The third ramp was to be torn down on 28 September 1950. (6)
7. No Soviet military shipments passed through the Kuestrin railroad station
between 4 and 17 September 1950.

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Comments.

- (1) The movement was possibly connected with field exercises held in the area
south of Salzwedel in late August and early September 1950. [redacted]
[redacted]. However, the number of tanks seems to have been exaggerated.
- (2) An element of the AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. The train was
probably the one observed in Fuerstenwalde on 8 September 1950. [redacted]

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- (4) [redacted] headquarters unit of the Fourth Gds
Necz Army. There have been indications that the series may be assigned
to an engineer unit. The shipping and receiving stations of the train
are not known.
- (5) Possibly the departure of elements of the 9th Gds Tank Div for major
field exercises in the Templin area.
- (6) Probably the preparation for the rapid unloading of units holding maneuvers
in that area. The large-scale fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army
were conducted in the Burg-Centhin-Brandenburg-Belzig-Zerbst area in Octo-
ber 1949.

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